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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7914**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 506**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 17, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Court-ordered Drug and Alcohol Programs.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases the fees that may be charged for participation in court-ordered alcohol and drug programs. It permits the board of directors of the Judicial Conference to adopt rules governing the certification, operations, and employee qualifications for court alcohol and drug services programs.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Under current law, alcohol or drug programs that are established by courts in Indiana are subject to the regulatory powers of the Indiana Judicial Center. This bill would specify in more detail the regulatory powers that the Judicial Center could have in order to regulate these alcohol and drug programs. The Judicial Center anticipates that it can absorb the added administrative costs with current staff and budget.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Any increase in revenues resulting from this bill will depend on local actions of the program administrators.*

Both programs described below are used by courts as a method of providing community supervision of persons who have been arrested and convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Under IC 9-30-9-3, circuit courts may establish alcohol abuse deterrent programs requiring the administration of antabuse or any other chemical deterrent to the use of alcohol. The current maximum fee that can be charged is \$350. This bill would increase the maximum fee that could be charged to \$400 after July 1, 2001,

and before July 1, 2002. These fees could again be increased to \$500 after June 30, 2002. It would also increase the medical fee from \$100 to \$150 effective July 1, 2001. Proceeds from these fees are deposited in the county alcohol abuse deterrent fund. There are at least two programs that currently exist under this statute.

Under IC 12-23-14, the courts having misdemeanor jurisdiction in a city or county may establish alcohol and drug service programs. The maximum fees that these programs may charge is \$300. This bill would increase these maximum fees to \$400 after July 1, 2001, and before July 1, 2002. The fees could again be increased to \$500 after June 30, 2002. The proceeds of these fees would be deposited in the city or county user fee fund. The Judicial Center reports that currently 50 programs exist under this statute.

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Judicial Center.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Alcohol and drug programs operated by trial courts and city courts.

**Information Sources:** Cheri Harris, Indiana Judicial Center.